

important that no one can or dare to refuse to take a part in the work.

How shall the S. S. Work be Inspired?

1. By the inspiration of the superintendent and all the officers of the S. S.
2. By teachers' meetings.
3. Teachers need be inspired first before they can inspire others.
4. The inspiration originally must come from God.

Hildebrand Items.

From August 26 to the 31 inclusive, wife and I attended the National conference of the Brethren church held at Johnstown, Pa. We surely had a very good conference. I for one, was greatly encouraged with the outlook of the Brethren church. After the close of our conference, wife and I attended the German Baptist Sunday-school convention, held at Walnut Grove just outside the city. This was a new innovation among them, but they took hold of the work earnestly.

According to previous arrangements, I went over to the Jones' Mills church, Westmorland Co., Pa. Preached for them Sunday, Sept. 12, morning and evening, and accepted the pastorship pro tem for three months. Had a few meetings prior to October 10 for the purpose of encouraging the membership to a greater degree of spirituality, as well as for the purpose of uniting our forces, during which time I received a unanimous call to become pastor of the Jones' Mills and Mt. Vernon Brethren churches, to continue up to April, 1899, at least.

On Sunday evening, October 10, we had one of the most pleasant communion meetings in the Jones' Mills church that I ever attended. There were 45 communicants, all in love and union. Praise the Lord. I close by wishing success to the Brethren church everywhere, also to Ashland University and our Publication Board. For the success of these I hope and pray, and will do what I can for all.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Jones Mills, Pa.

Akron, Ind.

I organized a church at Cerro Gordo, Ill., Oct. 11, with a membership of seventeen.

The little flock met at the home of Brother Volgumott's and held their first communion services. On account of the accommodations it was practically private. After the services each member stood up and testified to the goodness of God. All the regret that I heard was, "O, that I had started sooner!" It was an occasion long to be remembered.

Brethren, pray for the little band at

Cerro Gordo. I had contemplated caring for them for a time, but the Indiana conference has foiled all of my plans by electing me State evangelist and demanding all of my time.

While I am writing I wish to say to the dear brethren and sisters of Indiana, that it is a hard burden to bear. When the news was broken to one of my charges at Sunday-school, it was more like a funeral. At another, discouragement seems to prevail and they are doubting the propriety of conference doing such a thing. Now, brethren, take it home. 'Tis no light burden. Help me to bear it. Pray for me, my family and charges. Send me your support and do not wait until the last day in the conference year.

Give no occasion for discouragement along that line. Paul said, the brethren of Macedonia supplied him. Brethren, here am I, send me. I submit my will to yours and God's.

B. H. FLORA.

Vinco. Pa.

Dear Evangelist:—As I have not reported for some time, I will just say that we held a revival meeting at Mt. Union which resulted in 19 standing up for Christ. Meeting closed with a glorious communion. Very spiritual. Praise the Lord and to him give all the praise. Brethren pray for us.

Yours for the gospel alone,

JOS. I. HALL.

Notice.

The Johnstown church will hold their love feast and communion Sunday evening, Oct. 24, beginning at 7 o'clock. All of like faith are invited.

E. E. HASKINS, pastor.

Gleanings from the Wayside.

The Indiana Conference is in the past. Was a success—largely attended and good interest.

Bro. McFaden from Chicago and Bro. Gnagey from Ashland added largely to the interest of the meeting. We would have enjoyed it much more if our folks could have attended. Our daughter Ota is not able to be up yet. Has been confined to her room for some over four week, but is bearing her affliction with christian fortitude. Hope she will be better soon.

Our communion at Maple Grove was well attended. Had a good meeting with deep spiritual manifestations. Our dedication that was to have been on the first Sunday was postponed in consequence of a Chicago firm disappointing us in not shipping the windows in time. But every

thing is in readiness and the building will be dedicated on the fifth Sunday in this month.

The organization which has hitherto been called Vernon will after dedication be called Poplar Grove, Wabash Co., Ind. We invite all that can to meet with us in our dedicatory service.

Your brother in hope of eternal life.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

Ashland University.

We are in receipt of a letter from Rev. E. B. Shaver, of Maurertown, Va., who says that the college shall not fail through the districts of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia; that very soon he himself expects to enter the canvass and gather up the residue of apportionments and send them in. Brother Rench is still meeting with success in Indiana and feels encouraged.

We report paid by the Bond church, Kansas, on apportionment of Kanemorado district, \$6.25. From the Twelve Mile church, Twelve Mile, Indiana, \$12 50. Why not others send in their apportionments without incurring the expense of sending a solicitor, as you may as well pay it now as later? The sooner we can get the money in our hands and make settlement with the creditors, the less interest will accrue on the debt. We plead with you to give this matter your attention. Yours fraternally,

JOHN KEIM,

Sec. A. U. F. Com.

Udell, Iowa.

On last Saturday, October 2, sister Clara Flora, of Dallas Center, Iowa, came to finish her pastoral work at this place. Preached Saturday night, Sunday at 11 A. M. and Sunday night. Had large congregations at each service. At the close of the Saturday evening service two came forward and confessed Christ and were baptized on Sunday immediately after the morning service by elder Joseph Zook. May God bless them and keep them true and faithful to the cause of Christ.

Sister Flora has preached for us two years, less two months. The large congregation, the interest and spirit manifested at these meetings tell how the people of this vicinity appreciated Sister Flora's preaching. Many hearts are filled with sadness to part with our pastor, but we have reason to rejoice over the good that has been done. God bless Sister Flora's work wherever she may preach, will be the prayer that will go up from many Christian hearts in this vicinity. Pray for us.

C. A. ULLRICK.